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In re Application of:
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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 11, 2000, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 21 and add the following claim:

--34. A method of treating the functional disorders brought
about by hypoestrogenism in women and avoiding the appearance of
withdrawal bleeding in post-menopausal comprising orally
administering to said women, from 21 to 25 days per month,
simultaneously, an estrogenic compound and a progestogenic compound
consisting of norgestrol acetate given in a combination.--

Claims 22 to 25, 27 and 31 to 33, line 1 of each, change "21"
to --34--

Claims 24 and 27, line 2 of each; claim 30, line 1, before
"conjugated", insert --equine-- and cancel "equine".

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